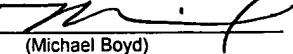




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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein dated August 8, 2003, time for response to which was set to expire November 8, 2003, and for which a one month extension of time is requested to extend the time for response from November 8, 2003 to December 8, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. The considered claims, claims 11-15, 32 and 22 were rejected. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. The following exhibits are including herein:

Exhibit A: Haynes et al., *Electrophoresis* 19:1862-71 (1998)

Exhibit B: Gygi et al., *Mol. Cell. Biol.* 19(3):1720-30 (1999)

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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